(b) if so, the details thereof together with background for such a step;

(c) whether this strike has been deferred for some time;

(d) if so, the details thereof with conditions for such deferment;

(e) whether the INTUC have some demands; and

(f) if so, the details thereof with steps to be taken to fulfil the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (f) The All India Working Committee of the INTUC in its meeting held on May 14—15, 1994 resolved to resort to a day's token strike on July 14, 1994 in case the Government failed to take effective steps to settle some of the important outstanding issues listed below:

1. Pension Scheme,
2. Raising of Bonus ceiling,
3. Finalising the DA slab for public sector employees,
4. Bringing all employees under PF coverage,
5. Increased PF contribution for workers in the textle industry,
6. Appointment of 2nd National Commission on Labour,
7. Labour Cell in the Planning Cimmission, and
8. Revival of sick units.

A Labour Cell has since been set up in the Planning Commission. The issues relating to other demands are still under consideration at various stages. In a meeting the INTUC leaders expressed their satisfaction with the effective steps taken by the Ministry of Labour and decided to defer the proposed strike for a period of three months.

National Safety Awards to Institutions

840. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether some National Safety Awards and Vishwakarma Awards were presented to some institutions in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof together with the background and criteria fixed for such awards;

(c) whether some of these awards were given for increasing efficiency, productivity and making improvements etc.;

(d) if so, the names of recepients of these awards where the efficiency, productivity and improvements have been made;

(e) whether such factors as in (c) above are of International level; and

(f) if so, details thereof and if not, steps to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is available in the Parliament library under reference/Call No.—929.8RN4.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The information is available in the Parliament library under reference Call No—929.8RN4.

(e) and (f) The factors for which Vishwakarma Rashtriya Purashkar art given are critical for orgnisational improvement and they are intended to motivate and invove the workers for contributing to the overall organisational development. Definite information is not available but these factors might also be the basis for recognising and motivating the workers in other countries who have contributed to the overall development of respective organisations.

Non-payment of P. F. contribution

841. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make non-payment of contribution to—

wards provident fund by an employer a cognisable offence;

(b) if so, what are the details thertof;

(c) whether Government also propose to detail with such defaulters in some other ways; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Offences relating to default in payment of contribution by the empoyer is already cognizable offence under section 14-AB of the Employees' Provident Fund and Misc. Provisions Act, 1952

(c) and (d) Cases of default are dealt as per provisions of EPF & MP Act, 1952. The administrative and penal provisions include levy of damages extendng upto the amount of arrears recovery proceeding including attachment and sale of property and prosecutions in Courts of Law.

Committee on non-payment of provident fund contribution

842. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee constituted to go into the massive default of Provident Fund payments has proposed some measures;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take some steps to implement these measures to reduce mounting recoveries of Provident Fund;

(d) if so, details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Committee has also made some other recommendations;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether Government propose to take some steps to implement these recommendations; and

(h) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (h) The sub-committee of the Consultative Committee of Parliament for the Ministryy of Labour has made certain recommendations for expediting recovery of the EPF & ESI dues. The major recommendations inter-alia relate to making non-payment of the EPF|ESI dues a non-bailable offence, non-payment of the employer's share a criminal breach of trust; deposit of 75 per cent of the amount as compulsory before the employer seeks judicial intervention; setting up of specia courts etc. The Government ha decded to have the report first considered by the ESI corporation and the Central Board of Trustees; EPF.

Implementing the Code of Wages

843. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have a uniform code for wages throught India;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the total number of organised and unorganised labourers in India; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to rectify the social inequalities among labour classes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The issue of formulating a uniform national wage policy has been considered by the several bodies in the past. It was considered that such a policy in the sense of uniform minimum moneatry remuneration for tht country as a whole is neither feasible nor desirable.

(c) The distributions of workers in the organised and un-organised sector was not collected during 1991 census. The detajls are available